

**Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board  
For Tracy Unified School District  
Held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

- 6:30 PM:** 1-3. President Pekari called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: S. Abercrombie, A. Alexander, J. Costa, B. Pekari, J. Silcox, L. Souza  
Absent: S. Kaur  
Staff: B. Stephens, S. Harrison, T. Jalique, C. Goodall, B. Etcheverry
- 7:01 PM** 5. President Pekari called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Closed Session:** 6a Action Taken on Findings of Fact: FF#19-20/#47, #19-20/#49, #19-20/#51, #19-20/#53, #19-20/#54, #19-20/#55, #19-20/#56, #19-20/#57, #19-20/#59, #19-20/#60, #19-20/#61  
**Action:** As Amended #51. Abercrombie, Souza. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)
- 6b Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Non-Paid Leave of Absence Request for Classified Employee #UCL- 346, Pursuant to Article XXIII  
**Action:** Approved. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent -1(Kaur)
- Minutes:** 7. **Approve Regular Minutes of February 25, 2020.**  
**Action:** Abercrombie, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-5; No-0; Abstain-1(Souza); Absent-1(Kaur)
- Employees Present:** V. Aceves, R. Riddle, S. Silvinson, V. Nyberg, S. Theall, M. Petty, R. Pecot, J. Nott, R. Call, L. Nelson, T. Calderon, D. Schneider, J. Stocking, L. Flores, S. Silvinson, M. Williams, M. Sankus
- Press:** None.
- Visitors Present:** H. Andrade, K. Morelos, R. Towle, G. Alcala, C. DeCoite, C. Li, B. Soria, J. Andrade
- Student Rep Reports:** **Tracy High FFA:** Kathleen Morelos and Hayden Andrade commented that on January 31<sup>st</sup> they held their annual crab feed. They thanked the community for their support. Eva Staas competed in speaking and placed 7<sup>th</sup>. They reported on various students who competed in contests. The regional contest will be held on March 27 at MJC. Ms. Georgia Souza and 7 students attended the World Ag Expo. They hosted several events during National FFA week and held AG awareness presentations in all AG classes. They also hosted a teacher breakfast and student BBQ for lunch along with a photo booth. Ten students will be receiving a state degree at Delta College. Three teams will be competing in various upcoming field days. Nine students will be traveling to Anaheim to attend

the State FFA Convention. On May 7 they will hold their annual FFA Banquet.

**West High FFA:** Rylee Towle, Cadence DeCoite, Bernard Soria, George Alcala and Codi Li reported that their annual See's Candy le will start tomorrow. Students are traveling almost every Saturday to various colleges. The poultry team placed third at UC Davis and there are several speech contests coming up. Students placed 3 in the sectionals in Linden and will be moving on to Cal Poly. Five students are traveling to Anaheim for the state leadership conference. They invited everyone to their annual banquet on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 in the West High cafeteria. Coop teams are learning about farmer cooperatives including vocabulary and math.

**Recognition & Presentations:**

**9.1 Art Freiler School Presentation**

Principal, Stephen Theall and Assistant Principal, Virginia Nyberg, presented a power point. They showed a video that asked students to describe when they had a hard time learning and how classmates and teachers helped them and made them believe that they could excel. Several students expressed difficulties in some science projects, reproduction in plants, ecosystems, dividing bigger numbers, decimals, subtracting fractions, ELA, and site words. Students said that they were helped by being shown a different way with less steps. They were shown step by step process. Some drew pictures and talked about it. Other students would quiz each other. They were given confidence by high fives, smiley faces and being encouraged. Students cheered each other on and were told they could do it. It is easy to on test scores and data. Freiler continues to focus on learning perseverance and experience so that students will all excel.

**Information & Discussion Items:**

**10.1 Administrative & Business Services:** None.

**10.2 Educational Services:**

**10.2.1** Receive Report on Proposed Instructional Materials Adoption for 12th Grade Expository Reading and Writing Course

Director of IMC, Dr. Debra Schneider, presented a power point, along with teachers. This is for ERWC English for 12<sup>th</sup> grade. They reviewed the adoption committees, analysis of course needs, modules, text chosen and the rationale. The final choice was Expository Reading and Writing Course 3.0 Modules and Texts.

**10.2.2** Receive Report on Proposed Instructional Materials Adoption for Emergency Response: Introduction to Fire Service

Director of IMC, Dr. Debra Schneider, presented a power point. This will be a new course and Sarah Silvinson will be the teacher of record. She reviewed the course analysis of course needs. This will prepare students for a community college program and they will explore a variety of emergency response careers. They spoke with local fire agencies, community colleges and high schools in the area and are working with the South County Fire Authority. This also has a workbook that goes with it. They are collaborating with various

agencies. Their choice is International Fire Service Training Association: essentials of Fire Fighting 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2018).

**10.2.3** Receive Report on Proposed Introduction to Psychology Instructional Materials Adoption

Director of IMC, Dr. Debra Schneider, presented a power point. All three high schools were a part of the committee. Dr., Schneider reviewed the process and analysis of course needs. Their final choice is HMH Introduction to Psychology by S.A. Rathus (2018)

**10.2.4** Receive Report on Logo Colors for Tracy Charter Learning

Director of Student Services, Rob Pecot, passed out copies of potential logos for the new Tracy Charter School, for the board's information. They will start advertising quickly and have two teaching positions posted already.

**Hearing of Delegations**

**11.** Renee Riddle thanked Dr. Stephens for the updates on the coronavirus. The negotiations team signed an MOU last Thursday and it's nice to have things resolved. She has an issue that a few weeks ago a student had a potential gun and instead of an SRO bringing the student to the office, a classified person brought the student to the office.

**Public Hearing:**

**12.1** **Administrative & Business Services:** None.

**Consent Items:**

**13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance is conditioned upon acceptance of appropriate insurance accepted by Tracy Unified.**

**Action:** As amended #13.3.1. Souza, Abercrombie.

**Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**13.1** **Administrative & Business Services:**

**13.1.1** Approve Accounts Payable Warrants (January, 2020)  
(Separate Cover Item)

**13.1.2** Ratify Measure B Related Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

**13.1.3** Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda

**13.1.4** Accept the Generous Donations From the Various Individuals, Businesses, and School Site Parent Teacher Associations Listed Herein With Thanks and Appreciation From the Staff and Students of the Tracy Unified School District

**13.1.5** Accept and Review the Status of School Connected Organization/Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2019/20 School Year

**13.1.6** Approve Payroll Report (January, 2020)

**13.1.7** Approve Revolving Cash Fund Reports (January, 2020)

**13.2** **Educational Services:**

**13.2.1** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with KMVT 15

Silicon Valley Community Media to Video Record the California Highway Patrol's Every 15 Minutes at Kimball High School on March 12-13, 2020

- 13.2.2 Ratify Out Of State Travel for Kimball High, West High, and George Kelly Activities Director and Administrators to Attend the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) Conference in Reno, NV on March 4-7, 2020
- 13.2.3 Ratify Agreement for Special Contract Services with Lisa Cheney, Educational Psychologist for an Individual Educational Evaluation/Psycho-Educational Assessment
- 13.2.4 Ratify Agreement for Special Contract Services with Dr. M. Alex Peterson for Independent Educational Evaluation/Psycho-Educational Assessment
- 13.2.5 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Valley Community Counseling to Provide Mental Health Services to Villalovoz Elementary School for the Remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year
- 13.2.6 Ratify Overnight Travel for West High Wrestlers and Coach to Attend the San Joaquin Section Tournament in Yuba City, CA. February 14-15, 2020
- 13.2.7 Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services for HIN Experience Motivational Speaker during Testing on April 1, 2020 at West High School
- 13.2.8 Approve Overnight Travel for West High School Cheer Teams to Attend the United Cheer Association's Cheer Camp in Reno, Nevada on July 14-17, 2020

**13.3 Human Resources:**

- 13.3.1 Accept the Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence for Certificated, Classified and/or Management Employees
- 13.3.2 Approve Classified, Certificated and/or Management Employment

**Action Items:**

**14.1 Administrative & Business Services:**

- 14.1.1 Certify 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Second Interim Report (Separate Cover Item)  
Associate Superintendent of Business Services, Dr. Casey Goodall, presented a power point explaining the report. Every March we take a snapshot of how we think we have been implementing our budget. We have identified \$5.4 million in budget reductions. We have operated in the current year with a balanced budget. Declining enrollment is approximately 247 students and COLA is projected to be 2.29%.  
**Action:** Abercrombie, Costa. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)
- 14.1.2 Approve School Site Safety Plans for the 2019-20 School Year (Separate Cover Item)  
**Action:** Costa, Abercrombie. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**14.2 Educational Services:**

- 14.2.1 Approve Adoption of Instructional Materials for K-5 History-Social Science  
**None.** Abercrombie, Costa. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**14.3 Human Resources:**

**14.3.1** Approve Administrative Intern Agreement with Teachers College of San Joaquin

**Action:** Souza, Silcox. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**14.3.2** Approve Agreement with Teachers College of San Joaquin for Teachers Working on Their Preliminary Administrative Credential

**Action:** Abercrombie, Costa. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**14.3.3** Approve Teacher Intern Agreement with Teachers College of San Joaquin

**Action:** Souza, Costa. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**14.3.4** Approve Resolution 19-20, Authorizing Reduction and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Service for the 2020-2021 School Year

**Action:** Costa, Abercrombie. **Vote:** Yes-6; No-0; Absent-1(Kaur)

**Board Reports:**

Trustee Silcox passed. Trustee Souza missed the last meeting. She thanked Dr. Goodall for the budget report. It is not easy to make cuts. She has been following other districts and they are making massive cuts. She thanked cabinet for their time and effort in keeping TUSD on top of things. She thanked the presenters and appreciated the videos of the kids. Trustee Alexander passed. Trustee Costa commented that at the Tracy Parks meeting they were presented with new nature park project. It is on the City of Tracy website and you can post comments on it. The music festival will be on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Abercrombie passed. Trustee Pekari had the opportunity to visit Monte Vista Middle School with Dr. Stephens. They are doing a great job with the *Pony Express News*. Students are working with West High. It is great mentoring in action. He also attended the district art show art which will be up through the end of March. He's proud of our students. The LCAP meeting is this Thursday and the Festival of Cultures is Wednesday.

**Superintendent Report:**

Dr. Stephens commented that COVID-19 is impacting everyone around the world. He thanked Bobbie for the great job on the webpage. He encouraged people to check our webpage for the latest TUSD information. The Festival of Cultures starts at 6:30 at The Grand. Thursday is the LCAP meeting and music festival which is one of the best nights of the school year. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

**Adjourn: 7:54 pm**

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Date